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## Latest at Harvard



From a US Dept. of Education news release:

Today [March 31], the Departments of Education (ED), Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced a comprehensive review of federal contracts and grants at Harvard University and its affiliates. This review is part of the ongoing efforts of the Joint Task Force to Combat Anti-Semitism.

The Task Force will review the more than \$255.6 million in contracts

between Harvard University, its affiliates and the Federal Government. The review also includes the more than \$8.7 billion in multi-year grant commitments to Harvard University and its affiliates to ensure the university is in compliance with federal regulations, including its civil rights responsibilities.

"Harvard has served as a symbol of the American Dream for generations – the pinnacle aspiration for students all over the world to work hard and earn admission to the storied institution," said Secretary of Education Linda McMahon. "Harvard's failure to protect students on campus from anti-Semitic discrimination - all while promoting divisive ideologies over free inquiry - has put its reputation in serious jeopardy. Harvard can right these wrongs and restore itself to a campus dedicated to academic excellence and truth-seeking, where all students feel safe on its campus." ...

Full release at <https://www.ed.gov/about/news/press-release/ed-hhs-and-gsa-initiate-federal-contract-and-grant-review-of-harvard-university>.

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## Watch the Regents Meeting of March 20, 2025

We are catching up with the final day of the March Regents meetings. The March 20 Regents meeting was largely informational with routine endorsements of committee recommendations. It began with the full board and public comments. There were a number of pro-Israel comments and some opponents. Other topics included undocumented student support, BIPOC support, DEI, sexual violence, the hiring freeze and the Trump administration, sanctuary campuses, disabled student support, and mental health student support. Much of the subsequent initial board meeting was devoted to presentations about the UC-Prime programs at various campuses which seek to attract med students who will work in underserved communities.



The board then adjourned for a closed session. When it resumed, there was discussion of Basic Needs centers on various campuses. In that context, food pantries were discussed along with programs that supplement CalFresh or provide services to students not eligible for CalFresh. During a discussion of emergency housing for students, there was a disruption by an anti-Israel group. The room was cleared and the meeting continued.

Also on March 20 was a session of the Public Engagement and Development Committee that had been postponed from the previous day due to time constraints. It was noted that UCOP has a webpage devoted to federal developments. Services to veterans were also discussed including a tuition waiver program. Apart from the ongoing state budget pressures, it was noted that there might be a bond measure for higher education. It was also possible that some housing bonds being discussed in Sacramento might include UC.

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As always, we preserve recording of Regents meetings indefinitely since the Regents have no policy about length of retention.

The general webpage for the March 20 recordings is at:

<https://archive.org/details/1-board-8-30-am-3-20-2025>.

The initial board session is at:

[https://ia800809.us.archive.org/31/items/1-board-8-30-am-3-20-2025/1-Board%208\\_30%20AM%203-20-2025.mp4](https://ia800809.us.archive.org/31/items/1-board-8-30-am-3-20-2025/1-Board%208_30%20AM%203-20-2025.mp4).

The resumed board session is at:

[https://ia800809.us.archive.org/31/items/1-board-8-30-am-3-20-2025/2-Board%2011\\_30%20AM%203-20-2025.mp4](https://ia800809.us.archive.org/31/items/1-board-8-30-am-3-20-2025/2-Board%2011_30%20AM%203-20-2025.mp4).

Public Engagement and Development is at:

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New Subway Notice



This notice recently appeared, although it refers to work that began during the week of March 17:

Lowering Material for Support of Excavation at UCLA Station Summary

Metro contractors will continue delivery of material for support of excavation at UCLA Station. Work is anticipated to begin the week of March 17, 2025 and continue for up to three months. Activities will take place on Wilshire Blvd, between Westwood Blvd and Gayley Ave. Construction activities include drilling, lowering of steel components, rebar delivery, and concrete pouring.

There will be lane reductions on the north side of westbound Wilshire Blvd, between Malcolm Ave and Veteran Ave, a closure of the center left turn lanes from eastbound Wilshire Blvd onto northbound Gayley Ave, lane reductions on northbound and southbound Gayley Ave, between Lindbrook Ave and Ashton Ave, along with a closure of the right turn lanes from southbound Westwood Blvd onto westbound Wilshire Blvd. All through traffic and local driveway access to surrounding properties will be maintained.

Anticipated work hours include weekdays from 9 am to 3:30 pm and 7 pm to 6 am, as well as weekends from Fridays at 7 pm to Mondays at 6 am.

Dates: Week of March 17, approximately three months

Work Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm and 7 pm to 6 am, Friday through Monday, 7 pm to 6 am.

Wilshire Blvd

- Lane closure of westbound lanes between Malcolm Ave and Veteran Ave
- Closure of eastbound center left turn lanes onto Gayley Ave
- Restricted right turns onto northbound Gayley Ave
- Through traffic and local driveway access maintained

Gayley Ave

- Lane closures on northbound and southbound Gayley Ave between Lindbrook Ave and Ashton Ave
- Through traffic and local driveway access maintained

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- Closure of southbound right turn lanes onto westbound Wilshire Blvd
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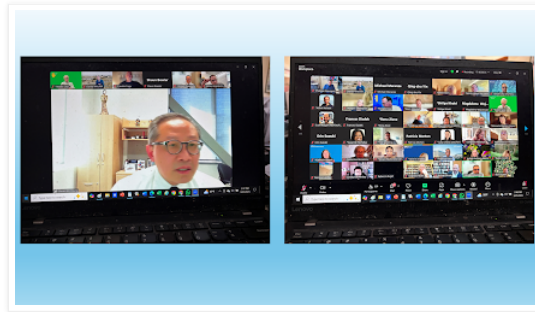
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Labels: [traffic](#), [transportation](#), [UCLA](#)

Monday, March 31, 2025

## The Special Assembly Meeting of March 25, 2025



There were action items on the agenda of the special March 25th, 2 pm, systemwide Assembly meeting of the Academic Senate which had been called by petition. A little over 300 people were on the Zoom call at the start of the meeting. Most were not members of the Assembly. Yours truly attended so you didn't have to.

The first item asked that across-the-board pay increases for administrators from dean on up occur at the same time as those for regular faculty. In recent years, the former had been getting increases on July 1 and the faculty on October 1. It became clear from the discussion that this vote was largely symbolic of concern by faculty about excessive salaries for top management. Chair Steven Cheung at one point called the resolution "mean-spirited." That remark set off some controversy. A vote was taken first by electronic hand raising. Twenty were reported as in favor, 2 abstained, and 23 voted against. There was some uncertainty about the accuracy of the vote and a roll call was pursued which came out about the same. It was ruled that the motion had failed.

The second matter dealt with a report about converting the entire UC system to a common calendar of semesters. It was said that ultimately it would be the decision of the Regents, were such a conversion to happen. There was debate about the merit of semesters vs. quarters, about the cost of making a transition, and whether it would be best to let the Senate process run its course before making any decisions.

Chair Cheung said that there is currently no plan for changing calendars at UCOP. Several speakers indicated that given the current budgetary situation, federal funding, and other challenges facing UC, this was not a time to consider adding the burden of changing the calendar.

There was an action item over a motion that initially assumed any change would be from quarters (for those campuses on quarters) to semesters. A clarifying point was that UC-San Francisco - because it has no undergraduates - would be exempt. The motion was amended to suggest that there be a campus-by-campus vote on adopting a common calendar (whatever that might be) versus remaining on each campus's existing calendar. But by the time a vote might have been taken (around 3:50 pm), a quorum of Assembly members had been lost.

As a result, no vote was taken and the matter will either be taken up again at another special session or at the next regular meeting of the Assembly if there is room on the agenda.

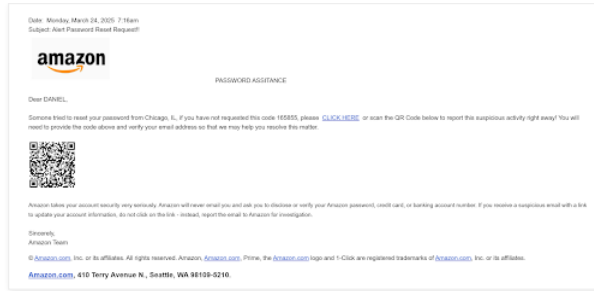
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**Note: Do you have a sense that not much was accomplished after two meetings and one meeting that was aborted by a technical glitch? Yours truly does.**

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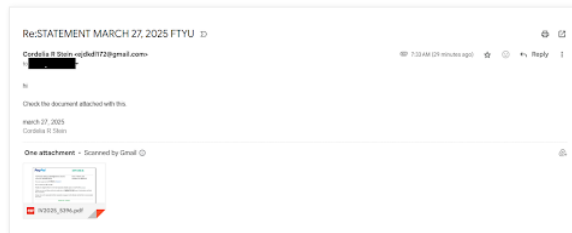
## The Endless Scams



You know enough not to respond in any way to messages like the one above, don't you? One hint is that the word "assistance" is incorrectly spelled. Another is that it comes from a weird email address. Basically, even without such hints, if you get an email, phone message, or text from a company, never directly respond. Instead look up the phone number or contact information from the company and use that information to find out if there is really a problem.

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Here's another scam from "Cordelia":



Note the odd return email address. Things didn't work out well for the Cordelia in King Lear. They won't work out well for you if you engage with this Cordelia.

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## Law Deans' Letter

*Letter from Law Deans (including UCLA) dated March 26, 2025:*

As deans of law schools, we have a special responsibility for the legal profession. Recently, the federal government has imposed significant sanctions on the law firms of Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling, Paul Weiss, and Jenner & Block seemingly because of the clients they and their lawyers represented and litigation in which their lawyers participated.



We write to reaffirm basic principles:

The government should not punish lawyers and law firms for the clients they represent, absent specific findings that such representation was illegal or unethical. Punishing lawyers for their representation and advocacy violates the First Amendment and undermines the Sixth Amendment.

We thus speak as legal educators, responsible for training the next generation of lawyers, in condemning any government efforts to punish lawyers or their firms based on the identity of their clients or for their zealous lawful and ethical advocacy.

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